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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Announces Members of State Plan Advisory Committee to help Implement the "Help America Vote Act"**

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today announced his appointments to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) State Plan Advisory Committee.

"The State Plan Advisory Committee is composed of individuals who are selected for their expertise, knowledge, and because they are interested stakeholders in the elections community," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. "I am determined that HAVA will be implemented in a way that ensures we reverse the trend of low voter participation and that we reconnect citizens to the political process through the ballot box."

The twenty-three members of the State Plan Advisory Committee are:

Rob McKay (Chair)	McKay Foundation
Michael Alvarez	Professor of Political Science, Caltech
Harley Augustino	Coalition for a Living Wage
Ardis Bazyn	California Association of the Blind
Bob Balgenorth	State Building and Construction Trades Council
Miguel Contreras	Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
Kathay Feng	Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Rosalind Gold	National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials
Cynthia Jones	Exploding Myths, Inc., President
Margaret Jakobson	Protection and Advocacy
Laura Kerr	California State Student Association
Geoffrey Kors	California Alliance for Pride and Equality
Cynthia McClain-Hill	National Association of Women Business Owners
Conny McCormack	Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Eliseo Medina	Organization of Los Angeles Workers
Chip Nielsen	Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP
Art Pulaski	California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Ann Reed	Shasta County Registrar of Voters
Steve Rodermund	Orange County Registrar of Voters
Arturo Rodriguez	United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO
Marion Taylor	League of Women Voters
Ted Wang	Chinese for Affirmative Action
Dr. Geraldine Washington	NAACP

The purpose of the State Plan Advisory Committee is to seek public input and provide policy guidance to assist the Secretary of State in drafting California's initial plan for compliance with federal mandates contained in HAVA.